

## Comparison of 2004 and 2005 Student Assessment Survey

The results from the 2005 survey may reflect increased unhealthy behavior which may be due to the inclusion of 9<sup>th</sup> graders in the 2005 survey (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade students surveyed) as compared to 2004 survey which included students from 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades.

- ◆ One to 4 closest friends smoking **went up** from 14% to 18 %.
- ◆ Disapproval of smoking by close friends and kids in class **went down** by 3-5% points
- ◆ Doctors asking if they tried cigarettes **went up** from 25% to 30%.
- ◆ Would smoke if a friend offered a cigarette **went up** from 4% to 9%.
- ◆ Safe to smoke for 1-2 years and then quit **went up** from 5% to 7%.
- ◆ Offered a cigarette in the past 30 days **went up** from 9% to 12%.
- ◆ Current smokers **went up** more than 50% from 3% to 7%. **2004 Ohio Youth Survey reported 10% current cigarette smokers among the middle school students surveyed the in Ohio.**
- ◆ Wanting to quit smoking **went down** from 63% to 52%. **2004 Ohio Youth Survey reported 51% of middle school students who smoke indicated they want to quit smoking.**
- ◆ Flavored cigarette use increased from 2 % to 6%.
- ◆ Watching 3 or more hrs of TV on average school day **reduced** from 39% to 34%.
- ◆ Use of marijuana **increase** from 4% to 8%.
- ◆ Almost one third (31%) of the students surveyed have had alcohol and 37% of them had alcohol at the age of 10 or younger.
- ◆ Feeling of depression **increased slightly** from 21% to 23%.
- ◆ Dangers of tobacco taught in schools **went up** from 56% to 65%.